

Good News!

Jesus Christ came to save sinners and give them eternal life! That's it. That's the good news.

 *But I'm not a sinner.*

Well, maybe not by your standards. But even a criminal who is brought to court will say that he had a reason to commit that robbery, or a reason to steal that car. In God's standard, a hateful thought is like murder, as Jesus says:

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ But I say to you that whoever is **angry with his brother without a cause** shall be in danger of the judgment.” - *Matthew 5:21–22*

 *But then everyone is a sinner.*

The bible agrees. King David wrote a song about this 3000 years ago:

“The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God. They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; **There is none who does good**, No, not one.” - *Psalms 14:2–3*

 *What are sinners saved from?*

Jesus saves sinners from the penalty of sin. In any society with laws, any crime has a punishment. If I am caught stealing, I must return the stolen goods. If I break my neighbor's bicycle, I have to pay for the repair. That is only righteous! Since God is a fair judge, He cannot let sin go un-punished. Much less, He cannot let good deeds be a payment for bad deeds (could you escape a parking ticket by explaining to the officer that you have made more legal parkings than illegal?)

The consequence for sinners is, that there is only one place to go. It is the place opposite of God, who is the source of all good things. If we cannot be near God, we will be in a place where there are no good things. No light, no safety, no comfort, no friendships. We call this place Hell.

Jesus saves sinners from eternal damnation in Hell.

 *Why is Hell eternal?*

Typically, the size of a punishment can depend on how severe the crime was, or toward whom the crime was committed. I can slap a random guy on the cheek, or I can slap a police officer – the same action, but done toward different authorities. A crime against a higher authority yields a bigger penalty. God is our creator, and has infinite authority, so the punishment is infinite.

 *If all humans are sinners, and we all have to pay an infinite punishment, there is no hope.*

Actually, there is hope. Because there is one other way to pay an infinite punishment: If it is paid by an infinitely rich authority. The Bible tells how God the Father sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the punishment once and for all. When Jesus Christ died on the cross, He took the punishment that we should have received. After three days, He rose from the dead, showing that He conquered death.

As with many other legal documents, it needs signatures for it to be “activated”. When Jesus Christ died on the cross, God signed the document for your salvation. But God is waiting for your signature, because He won't force anyone to be with Him.

 *How can I sign the document?*

According to the bible: “If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” - *Romans 10:9*.

This is the good news. If Jesus is your lord, death is not the end, and you will resurrect to a physical life one day. However, if you do not believe in Jesus, you will need to pay the penalty for all your sin, forever separated from God.

 *What now?*

If you want to “sign the document”, you can make Jesus the Lord of your life. Talk to God. Tell Him about your sin. Ask for forgiveness. Read the Bible to learn more about God. Go to a church (see the next page). Get baptized. Find fellowship. Follow Jesus. And be happy, because you have eternal life through your faith in His sacrifice, by His grace.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” - Jesus, in John 3:16

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” - Paul, in Romans 10:9

“whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.” – Jesus, in John 4:14

“... as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name” – John, in John 1:12

“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.” – Jesus, in John 10:9

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” – Jesus, in John 10:11

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.” – Jesus, in John 10:27-28

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?’ ” – Jesus, in John 11:25-26

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” – Paul, in Ephesians 2:8-9

Resources

<https://www.biblegateway.com/> - read the bible online

<https://www.gotquestions.org/> - find Christian answers to many faith related questions

<https://www.desiringgod.org/> - sermons and discipleship materials

<https://biblethinker.org/> - bible studies, questions and answers

<https://bibleproject.com/> - animation videos explaining the bible and biblical concepts

<https://www.youtube.com/@delafetestimonies> – testimonies from people having their lives transformed by Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/@MariasHjørne> – Danish testimonies of atheists finding Jesus

Churches

<https://apostelkirken.dk/> - Apostelkirken (Saxogade 13, 1662 København V)

<https://arkcph.dk/> - Ark (Drejervej 11-21, 2400 København NV)

<https://frimenigheden.dk/> - Hvidovre Frimenighed (Kirkegade 14-18, 2650 Hvidovre)

<https://www.kbhfrikirke.dk/> - Københavns Frikirke (Filippavej 3, 1928 Frederiksberg C /
Banevolden 46, 2500 Copenhagen /
Toftebæksvej 13, 2800 Kongens Lyngby)

<https://www.kbhkirken.dk/> - Københavnerkirken (Rømersgade 17, 1362 København K)

<https://www.kingoskirke.dk/> - Kingos Kirke (Bragesgade 35, 2200 København N)

<https://www.aabenkirkekbh.dk/> - Åben Kirke (Kirsten Walthersvej 5, 2500 CPH)

<https://www.solvangsogn.dk/> - Solvang Kirke (Remisevej 10-12, 2300 København S)